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Planning Staff Speak on Univ. Blvd. Corridor Plan Next Meeting

By Sharon Canavan

At the upcoming 10 April NFCCA meeting, we will hear from Montgomery Planning Department staff about their recommendations for the University Boulevard Corridor Plan (UBCP). The UBCP plan will ultimately guide future development near the NFCCA community. We expect the UBCP recommendations will align with Montgomery Thrive 2050, which was adopted last year. A fundamental element

under Montgomery Thrive 2050 is concentrating future growth along transit corridors, such as University Boulevard.

Decisions made during the UBCP planning effort will ultimately affect decisions regarding land use and zoning (including allowing denser multifamily housing) and transportation infrastructure (pedestrian/bike/BRT, etc.). The County Council recently adopted a zoning change to reduce parking requirements on newly developed housing near specific public transportation stations (see related story on page 3).

The Planning agency will also make recommendations affecting environmental assets, community/public facilities, and parks and open spaces. Before final adoption of UBCP recommendations, there are several further steps: (1) Planning Board Review, (2) County Executive Review, and (3) County Council Review and Approval.

This is a good opportunity to hear what the planners have in mind for the Four Corners area and to ask questions about the UBCP recommendations. ■

Next Meeting on Wed., 10 April

The next meeting of the Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association will be held on Wednesday, 10 April 2024, at 7:30 p.m. ***The meeting will be held both in person at Forest Knolls Elementary School and virtually.***

To find the access codes for the online meeting, go to the NFCCA website at www.nfcca.org; the codes will be posted the week of the meeting. Items on the agenda includes a presentation on the UBCP (see story at left).

All residents of the Northwood-Four Corners-Forest Knolls area are invited to attend and express their views. Please note that only paid members of the NFCCA are eligible to vote. (Annual dues are \$15 per household and may be paid at the meeting or online.) ■

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Wednesday, 10 April, we will be hearing from Zubin Adrianvala, a Planner Coordinator with the Montgomery County Planning Department, who will speak about recommendations for the University Boulevard Corridor Plan (UBCP) and how this plan could affect our neighborhood. Our NFCCA meeting, as usual, will start at 7:30 p.m. at Forest Knolls Elementary School (online, too).

At our February meeting, NFCCA finished filling out the 2023–2024 NFCCA Board and Officers slate. After calling for nominations, attendees voted to confirm Jessica Broback as Vice President and two At-Large Board members: Brandon Broback and Susan Shreiner.

Our February speaker, Marlene Smith, a Xerces Ambassador from the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, presented “The Monarch: An Icon on the Edge.” She discussed the monarch butterfly’s lifecycle and migration trends. Climate change—along with human related threats, especially pesticides—are contributing to declining monarch numbers. The speaker discussed how to help by providing what monarchs need: Habitat! Planting milkweed, nectar and native plants, and keeping green areas for monarch shelter can support the monarch population. People can also participate in community science, capturing monarch activity data, participating in a project or spreading the word.

The NFCCA 2023–2024 dues campaign is off to a good start with 212 households paid-up so far. Last cycle we got to 267—it’s time for a stretch goal. Let’s try to make it to 300!

Also, Immediate Past-President Ema Perez continues to amaze us with his energy and enthusiasm for planning wildly successful NFCCA events. The funtastic Chili Cook Off netted \$904 for NFCCA (see photos on page 5). I also want to thank all the Board members who helped bring this event together again this year and our neighborhood Chili-masters who cooked up delicious, spicy tastes.

Wazzup in the Neighborhood

Keep an eye out for NFCCA’s upcoming 2024 events. The Earth Day All-Ages Bike Ride starting in North Four Corners Local Park will be the third weekend in April (date TBD). The 3rd Annual NFCCA Neighborhood Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, 18 May 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (see page 9). Time to start going through your garage and closets!

Find out more about these and other upcoming events and activities in our community by going to our website nfcca.org or the NFCCA calendar in the nfcca@groups.io listserv. Or go to the NFCCA Facebook page by searching for NFCCAMoCo. Hope this helps you stay up-to-date and engaged! Lots going on, and we want to hear from you. So come join us at the April meeting.

—Sharon Canavan

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NORTH FOUR CORNERS NEWS

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Any resident of this area is eligible to join the NFCCA. Annual dues are \$15 per household and may be paid online, at any Association meeting, or mailed to the treasurer.

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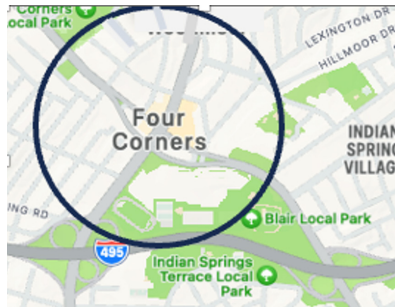
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Parking Requirements Reduced Near Public Transportation by CC

On 5 March 2024, the Montgomery County Council unanimously passed Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 23-10, eliminating parking space requirements for properties near public transit when residential housing is developed or redeveloped. This measure supports the planning goals adopted in Thrive Montgomery 2050 (Thrive) to increase housing affordability, to lessen reliance on private vehicles by encouraging public transportation use, and to reach climate goals by encouraging housing options that are less dependent on cars. ZTA 23-10 becomes effective in early April.

ZTA 23-10 eliminates parking requirements for residential properties within a half-mile radius of a Metro or Purple Line station, and within a quarter-mile radius of an existing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Station or a BRT Station that is funded for construction in the current Capital Improvements Program. The zoning change does not affect parking requirements on existing property; it only applies to residential properties that are developed or redeveloped in the future.

This zoning change affects the NFCCA community because it applies to newly developed properties located within a quarter mile of the Four Corners intersection (University Boulevard and Colesville Road) where the FLASH BRT station is located near the Four Corners Pub.



The approximate area that ZTA 23-10 affects.

Although a BRT route on University Boulevard is planned, construction is not currently projected for funding, so properties fronting on University Boulevard are not affected except for the area east of Four Corners Local Park, which is within a quarter mile of the FLASH BRT station.

Before adoption of this zoning measure, single-family, two-unit, and townhouse properties were required to have two parking spaces. A sliding scale ranging from one-to-two parking spaces based on number of bedrooms applied to multifamily properties.

The Thrive plan also recommended increasing density along transportation corridors by rezoning single-family residential areas to permit redevelopment as two- to four-unit dwellings and up to 20-unit small multifamily properties near major transportation corridors. It has yet to be determined whether these zoning changes will be considered county-wide or piecemeal, for example, as part of planning changes to be proposed by the University Boulevard Corridor Plan. ■

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Second Annual Chili Cook-Off in March Nets \$900+

By Jacquie Bokow

The NFCCA's second Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser was even more successful than last year's, netting your civic association \$904.73, more than four times what we raised at last year's event!

Congratulations to first place winners Seth, Anya, Sasha, and Luca for their "Brockman Family Chili" (Elsworth Dr., not in neighborhood), second-place Maria Peralta (Edgewood Ave.) for her "Bandeja Paisa Jazz," and third-place Jessica Boback



and the Boback Team (Edgewood Ave.) for their "Vasili Chili." Thanks to all who attended and helped out, too! ■



The "Chili Masters" pose with cook-off coordinator Ema Perez (left) after the event.

Pollution in the Northwest Branch: How to Prevent It, What to Do If You See It

By Jennifer McGuire Cox

The Northwest Branch is a jewel in our neighborhood, a place where we can go for a walk, observe nature, and decompress from our busy lives. While we might not think about it beyond a neighborhood gem, it is in fact the largest subwatershed of the Anacostia River, stretching some 19 miles in both Montgomery and Prince George's County, eventually draining to the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. That means that what happens in our own backyard, and what we ourselves do in the Northwest Branch, has a dramatic reach not only in terms of water quality and pollution, but the flora and fauna that need a healthy ecosystem to survive.

Challenges Facing the Northwest Branch

The Northwest Branch faces many problems. While largely rural in its northernmost points, the watershed where our neighborhood is situated is largely developed and the overall watershed is 27% impervious. This means that, in all of the watershed, 27% of it is covered by artificial structures, including asphalt, concrete, brick, stone, as well as rooftops and compacted soil no longer able to absorb water as it otherwise would in a natural, undisturbed location. This imperviousness, coupled with a lack of storm-water controls, means that, in



Trash along the trail of the Northwest Branch.

a rain storm, water gushes in more quickly than it normally would, resulting in muddy runoff and erosion of the stream banks. But that rain, too, means any trash laying on the ground—and any other pollutants that those within the watershed are using—will likely enter the waterway.

The Importance of Water Quality

Why is this a big deal? Because litter and pollutants entering the waterway will result in the decrease of water quality. Sure, we might not ourselves be drinking right out of the Northwest Branch, but our local waterways do provide our drinking water. Water quality is also one of the most important components of any healthy ecosystem, impacting the diversity of plants and wildlife that can

live in and near the waterway. Poor water quality also has recreational implications, including making it unsafe for ourselves and our pets to use and enjoy.

What NOT to Do to Maintain a Healthy Watershed

How can we help maintain a healthy Northwest Branch watershed and waterway? By being a responsible neighbor and steward. This includes:

■ **Picking up after your dog and pets.** As a reminder, dogs are supposed to be on a leash while walking along the Northwest Branch trails. Yet some dog owners let their pets run wild on the trails, including defecating wherever they want. Others will bag their pet's poop, but then

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leave the bag in the woods. When the fecal matter enters the waterway, it introduces disease-causing microorganisms, sickening animals and humans alike.

■ **Avoiding the use of pesticides, fertilizers, or other chemicals, particularly near water.** If you must, DO NOT apply chemicals right before a rain storm, as the chemicals will just run off your yard and into the nearest storm drain or waterway.

■ **Disposing of oil, gasoline, and other contaminants properly.** If you have extra oil that is old or you're no longer using, DO NOT just pour it out in a storm drain or your yard. Take it to the County Transfer Station for safe disposal.

■ **Do not dump or leave trash in the woods or in your yard.** Windy days can blow this trash into a water-

way, affecting water quality and endangering plants and animals.

What SHOULD You Do If You See Something?

Montgomery Parks owns the land, including the trails and waterways, of the Northwest Branch in our neighborhood. It works to prevent stormwater and other pollution from impacting our local waterways and the aquatic wildlife that lives in them.

If you see anything suspicious on Montgomery Parks' land, contact their Pollution Incident Phone Line at 301.495.3582. Staff will visit the site of the incident and try to determine the cause. What is suspicious?

- Fish kills,
- Algal blooms,
- Sediment pollution,
- Oil sheen on the water surface, or
- Strangely discolored water.

If the issue is clearly a



A dog poop bag along the trail of the Northwest Branch.



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sewage leak from a water main or sewer pipe, which do run on Parks' properties, please contact Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's Emergency Services at 301.206.4002. ■

A Question for Our Dog Owners

By Nick Smith

Why do people think it's okay to have their dogs off leash on the Northwest Branch trail?

Even if they're friendly, why do people think it's okay to make others guess?

My dog and I have been lunged at by two off-leash dogs on the trail twice in two days in March.

Even when there aren't incidents, there are still so

many dogs untethered, almost every day. I'm so tired of it.

Leash laws are for your safety, your dog's safety, and the safety of everyone around you.

It's not your personal nature preserve. It's not your yard. It's our neighborhood.

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[Smith lives on Thistle Drive.] ■

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Third Annual NFCCA Neighborhood Yard Sale

By Julie Whitcomb and Karen Donnelly

Too much stuff in your house? Looking for a way to get rid of unwanted items? Closets and drawers overflowing with items that no longer fit? Join us for the Third Annual NFCCA Neighborhood Yard Sale! We had so much success and fun the last two years that we are having another Neighborhood Yard Sale!

Everyone who participates will hold their own yard sale at their own house in their own yard or driveway at the same time on the same day! We had more than 60 households that joined in the fun last year. Walk the streets, meet your neighbors, shop the sales, clear out clutter, make some extra cash! You can also give away free items!

Saturday, 18 May 2024
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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Sign Up to Be Added to Map at
<https://signup.com/go/iZbefUv>

If you are interested and want to participate, please use this Sign-up Sheet to register: <https://signup.com/go/iZbefUv>.

A map and list of participating houses will be shared on the NFCCA website and the NFCCA listserv. Please use Sign-up Sheet before 10 May at 7 p.m. to be listed! We will share tips for setting up your yard sale, pricing, payment methods, and charities to donate unsold items to. We will put up yard sale signs around

our neighborhood. Rain date is Sunday, 19 May, same time, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FMI, contact Karen at [kdonnelly119 AT gmail DOT com](mailto:kdonnelly119@gmail.com) and/or Julie at [marjulst AT comcast DOT net](mailto:marjulst@comcast.net). ■

Annual Puzzle Exchange

Bring a puzzle/take a puzzle!
Same day and time as the Neighborhood Yard Sale: Saturday, 18 May, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location: 126 Snowy Owl Drive. Contact Lissa Friedman, [llf126 AT hotmail.com](mailto:llf126@hotmail.com), for more information. ■

Northwood H.S. Spring Fair

Saturday, 4 May, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Northwood High School. Open to the Community.

Mother's Day is the following week, so look for vendors who sell arts and crafts, gift baskets, spices, jewelry, bath and body products, paintings, holiday treats, candy, and many handmade or home-crafted items. This is an outdoor event (moved indoors to the Northwood Cafeteria if weather is inclement). There will be informational workshops on wellness and substance abuse prevention. Face painting, crafts, and activities for kids, too.

Contact Jillian Newby, [jilliannewby AT gmail.com](mailto:jilliannewby@gmail.com). ■

Neighborhood Mail Service

NFCCA Board members have recently heard from community members about issues with mail delivery service. Before contacting the local U.S. Postal Service supervisor, it makes sense to gather more information. The NFCCA listserv has a poll function, so a couple of Board members are drafting some poll questions to try to zero in on what the precise problems are with our neighborhood's mail service. So keep an eye out for that poll and please participate.

A good way to track your mail, if you are not already aware of it, is the free service USPS offers called Informed

Delivery, which sends customers daily emails with preview images of incoming letter-sized mail and allows you to track or reschedule packages that are scheduled to arrive soon at your address. USPS uses high-speed sorting machines to photograph the address side of letters, and Informed Delivery also sends color images of catalogs or magazines. Informed Delivery is a handy service and a good way to make sure you check your mailbox quickly if you are expecting a check or an important package. You can sign up for this service at www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm. ■

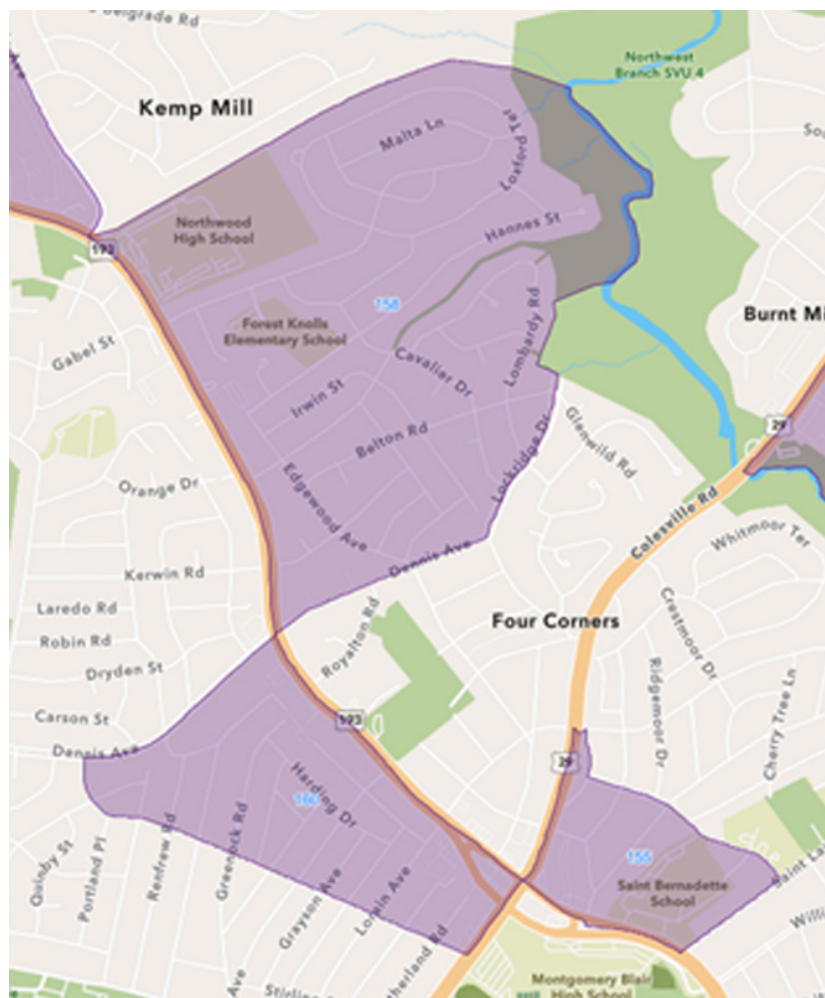
Private Security Camera Incentive Rebate Program

By Sharon Canavan

Recently, Montgomery County launched the Police-Private Security Camera Program, which will reimburse residents and businesses in higher crime areas for installing a security camera on their property. A rebate of up to \$250 is available for homeowners or tenants to purchase a security camera. Other costs—such as installation, accessories, recording subscription, and video storage—are not covered.

This program is intended to deter and solve crime by encouraging residents living in “priority areas” that are experiencing a higher incidence of crime to install security cameras. A portion of the NFCCA community is eligible for this rebate; the boundaries of the eligible area are illustrated on the map at right. An online application and the map of eligible areas are available at <https://montgomery-countymd.gov/pol/howdoI/security-camera-rebate.html>.

The application website describes the minimum technical and video specifications for eligible security camera systems. Security camera systems must be weatherproof



and installed on the building exterior. The homeowner must agree to retain video footage for at least seven (7) days and must register their cameras with the Montgomery County Police Department; however, Montgomery County

will not have access to live video from the camera.

If there are additional questions not addressed on the website, you can also reach out to pol.camera.rebate@montgomerycountymd.gov or 240.773.6120. ■

Local Area Crime Reports

Get a daily report of the crimes reported to the police within five miles of our neighborhood through spotcrime.com. Subscribe free for any location you specify. ■

Food Trucks Being Arranged For Friday Nights This Summer

Stay tuned for more information on the food trucks that will be serving at Forest Knolls Pool on Friday eve-



nings during the summer. Lined up so far are Trippy Tacos, Beltway Bistro, and Cousins Maine Lobster. See the June newsletter or the listserv for further details. ■

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Cutting of the Vines on Lockridge Creek in March

By Susan Schreiner

The North Four Corners volunteers rocked the vine cutting on Sunday, 10 March. Braving strong winds and a little bit of March chill, 45 volunteers expertly led by Corrine Stephens “freed dozens of trees from vines, and filled at least 6 contractor bags with trash.” Thanks Corrine for the direct quote! Thanks to Robin and Bob Loube for providing snacks—the donuts and coffee hit the spot—and thanks to Sharon Canavan for hauling off the vines after the event.

Corrine gave us all an education on which invasive plants live in our area and the best way to go about removing them without causing harm to the trees they are overwhelming. We learned the “window” technique of removing the vines, i.e., cut up as high as



Susan Schreiner

your arms can comfortably reach and as low as you can by squatting down. Just in case you missed the event this year, plan on it for next Spring. Funny as it sounds, vine cutting was fun and it

was great meeting new people and seeing old friends.

Special thanks to Corrine whose expertise and knowledge of native (and nonnative) plant life here in Maryland made the event possible. ■

Maryland Has the Most License Plate Designs in US

By Jacquie Bokow

According to the 8 October 2023 “Department of Data” column in *The Washington Post*, Maryland offers 989 different license plate designs, twice as many as next two states—Texas and Pennsylvania. The most popular is the “Chesapeake Bay” plate, but conservation-themed plates are best-sellers in every state. Maryland accounts for about one of every eight of the 8,331 different plates listed on state sites. The data was collected by Jon Keegan, an investigative data reporter at the Markup.

Every state has plates



devoted to military veterans; almost all have special plates for folks with disabilities, too.

“Why does Maryland—which is not the most populous state, or even the 17th-most-populous state—offer such a plate buffet?” asks DOD author Andrew Van Dam. “One clue,” he writes, “is that many of the state’s plates are organization-specific.” Some of the groups he mentions

are the Baltimore Rock Opera Society or the Frederick Saltwater Anglers. You can scroll through hundreds of these online at mva.maryland.gov/vehicles/Pages/registration/background-plate.aspx.

According to state law, anyone can apply for a specialty plate as long as they get 25 organization members in Maryland to order it beforehand. Some organizations have only a few car owners using their designs; in the past five years only one each has been sold for the American Sewing Guild, the Ocean City Parrothead Club, and the Maryland Republican Party. ■

Have You Tried the Eritrean Food at Elilta?

By Jennifer Badgley

There is no shortage of delicious East African cuisine in Silver Spring, but it is certainly nice to have our own neighborhood go-to spot for Ethiopian and Eritrean dining. Whether you are a novice or a connoisseur, if you haven't yet tried Elilta Restaurant, you are missing out on a real North Four Corners gem.

Owner and chef Almaz Abadi [pictured at right] always wanted to open a restaurant and in 2019 her dream came true when she and her husband Fitsum launched Elilta Restaurant. Abadi credits local residents for getting through the pandemic. Abadi says friends and neighbors' pick-up orders kept the business afloat when Elilta was closed to in-house dining. It wasn't just customer support. "Love" is the word Abadi uses to express what she felt every time an order was placed during the COVID shutdown. Abadi says she puts the love she receives back into the dishes she serves.

Despite the challenges and financial strain of launching a new restaurant pre-COVID, Abadi has, indeed, baked strengthening the community into her business plan. She does "as much as she can." Things like advertising locally and hosting a local PTA dine-out. For Abadi, any talk of the future of Elilta is about growing the business in ways that bring people together.

Upon entering Elilta Restaurant, you will be welcomed into a dining space with white tablecloths and chair cov-



Photos by Jennifer Badgley

ers with colorful appliques. Because carry-out is such a popular choice for Elilta Restaurant customers, there is a walk-up counter that backs to the exposed kitchen so people can easily come and go. There is a refrigerator with a selection of sodas for quick pick-up. Recently, Elilta added beer and wine—including honey wine—to its beverage options. You will now find a variety of foreign and domestic chilled bottled brews at the counter.

The open kitchen at Elilta is important to Abadi as it blurs the line between creation

and consumption and honors the tradition of her Eritrean roots where cooking is not just the labor of eating. It is one part of a shared experience. The food here is excellent.

Elilta is a great place to share a hearty breakfast, mid-day meal, or a family week-night dinner. It is also a good take-out option, whether you are grabbing a handmade samosa for a late breakfast or picking up dinner on the way home from work. Abadi and her staff prepare each dish with the attention one would give to preparing a celebratory meal with friends and never fail to provide a warm welcome. Elilta, meaning "joy" or "celebration," is an apt name for the eatery.

There are menu options for omnivores, vegetarians, and vegans (if you are sensitive to gluten, make sure to ask for gluten-free injera). Vegetables are purchased fresh and dishes are made from scratch every day, not unlike how Abadi makes food at home. Most Ethiopian and Eritrean food is served on injera, a spongy flatbread made with teff flour. At Elilta, your meal will be served on injera. You scoop up vegetable and meat stews wrapped in injera with your hand. No utensils needed!

Eritrea was occupied by Italy in the late 19th Century, and you will still find Italy's influence everywhere in Ethiopia's neighbor to the north. Abadi brought the fusion of the flavors unique to Eritrea to Elilta's menu where you



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will find spaghetti served in a stewed tomato sauce. Tomatoes are integral to Eritrean cooking. With tomatoes, Abadi adds a touch of sweetness and acidity that very subtly lessens the heat of berbere, the spice blend used in most Ethiopian and Eritrean dishes. Berbere is a blend of many vibrant spices that might include toasted chili peppers, ginger, fenugreek, cardamom, and cinnamon. Abadi's dishes are savory and spicy, but do not have quite as much heat as you might get at a strictly Ethiopian restaurant.

The offerings at Elilta include dishes typical of Ethiopian and Eritrean menus. You can order a combination off the menu as well as order select portions of your favorite wot, the vegetable or meat stew that is served atop injera. You won't be disappointed in the tender beef cubes of Elilta's tibs. The lentil dishes are consistently well-textured and full of flavor. Aromatic vegetable wots hit the spot—not too greasy or too dry. For the more adventurous, kitfo—raw ground beef infused with a clarified spiced butter called kibe and served with a hot chili-based spice blend called mitmita—will not disappoint.

Almaz and Fitsum have

lived in the area for 21 years, moving from Takoma Park to Silver Spring 10 years ago. A proud mom of an adult daughter who lives locally, and now a grandma, Abadi's favorite dishes to make include doro wat, a spicy stew of chicken and egg that is the signature dish of Eritrea and Ethiopia. Abadi says she is living her dream and each customer that she cooks for matters to her and "brings joy and blesses her." Finish your meal with a cup of traditional coffee or tea to soak in the love of community Abadi brings to Elilta Restaurant.

Elilta Restaurant is located at 10118 Colesville Road, across from Wood-

moor. Meal prices generally range between \$13 and \$20. Parking is available at the shared lot on Sutherland Rd. between Timberwood Ave. and University Blvd. Attire is casual. Reservations are accepted. Elilta is open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily (7 p.m. Sunday) and is closed on Tuesdays. Abadi doesn't have the resources to add accessibility tools but she and her staff do their best to accommodate people with varying needs and disabilities by doing things like opening and holding the door, arranging tables, and reading the menu.

[Jennifer Badgley lives with her husband and daughter on Mountain Quail Rd.] ■



Nearby Places for Lunch (and Dinner)

These eateries were recommended through the NFCCA listserv in January

FOUR CORNERS

ELILTA [Eritrean/Ethiopian]
10118 Colesville Road
301.244.5264 | 240.380.6989
eliltarestaurant.com

FOUR CORNERS PUB
10111 Sutherland Road
301.593.2900
the4cornerspubmd.com

ZINNIA
9201 Colesville Road
301.704.6653
eatzinnia.com

DOWNTOWN SILVER SPRING (DTSS)

ALL SET
8630 Fenton Street
301.495.8800
allsetrestaurant.com

BETE ETHIOPIAN CUISINE & CAFÉ
811 Roeder Road
301.588.2225
beteethiopia.com

THE BREAKFAST CLUB
8240 Fenton Street
240.531.2133
thebreakfastclubdmv.com

FENTON CAFÉ
8313 Fenton Street
301.326.1841
fentoncafemd.com

KAO THAI
8650 Colesville Road
301.495.1234
kaothairestaurant.com

LANGANO [Ethiopian]
8305 Georgia Avenue
301.563.6700
langanorestaurant.com

LOCAVINO [Wine Café/Bar]
8519 Fenton Street
301.448.1819
locavino.com

LOTUS CAFE [Vietnamese]
8077 Georgia Avenue
301.588.8888
thelotuscafebar.com

LUCY [Ethiopian]
8301 Georgia Avenue
301.920.0196

KENSINGTON

FRANKLY PIZZA
10417 Armory Avenue
301.832.1065
www.franklypizza.com

LA GELATTERIA [Gelato/Espresso]
10414 Detrick Avenue
301.272.2255

WHITE OAK

CURRY PLACE [Indian]
11229 New Hampshire Avenue
301.593.7222
cpsilverspring.com

WHEATON

LOS CHORROS [Salvadoran]
2420 Blueridge Avenue
301.933.1066
loschorrosrestaurant.com

CRISTINA RISTORANTE ITALIANO
2666 University Blvd., West
301.942.4137
dineateristinas.com

DISTRICT BISTRO
11230 Grandview Avenue
240.833.8635
districtbistroatwheaton.com

FRANK'S BURGER PLACE
11230 Grandview Avenue
240.833.8752
franksburgersatwheaton.com

FULL KEY [Chinese]
2227 University Blvd., West
301.933.8388
www.fullkeywheaton.com

GISELLE'S CREOLE [Haitian]
2407 Price Avenue
301.933.1340

HAKUNATA MATATA GRILL [E. African]
2405 Price Avenue
240.669.6800

KANTUTA'S BAR AND GRILL
[Bolivian/Latin American]
2400 University Blvd., West
301.929.2865
kantutasrestaurant.com

MARIA'S CAFÉ [Salvadoran]
11305 Elkin Street
240.621.7391

METHI [Indian/Nepalese]
2509 University Blvd., West
301.933.4532
methimd.com

MI LA CAY [Vietnamese]
2409 University Blvd., West
301.929.2822
milacaywheaton.com

NICK'S DINER
11199 Veirs Mill Road
301.933.5459
nicksdiner.square.site

OOH LA LA BAKERY
2600 University Blvd., West
240.669.8218
www.oohlalabakerymd.com

PUPUSERIA LA FAMILIAR
11324 Fern Street
240.714.4978
pupuserialafamiliar.com

REN'S RAMEN [Japanese]
11403 Amherst Avenue
301.933.3725

RUAN THAI
11407 Amherst Avenue
301.942.0075
ruanthaiwheaton.com

FOREST GLEN

PACCI'S TRATTORIA [Italian]
6 Post Office Road
301.588.0867
paccistrattoria.com

MONTGOMERY HILLS

MELEKET ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT
1907 Seminary Road
301.755.5768
meleketss.com

LANGLEY PARK

SAMANTHA'S RESTAURANT
[Tex-Mex/Pan-Latin]
631 University Blvd., East
301.445.7300
samanthasrestaurante.com

Local Chains Recommended:
Crisp and Juicy (1331-G Rockville Pike), Java Nation (10516 Connecticut Avenue or DTSS), Kusshi Sushi (8512 Fenton Street), Sushi Jin (8555-A Fenton Street) ■